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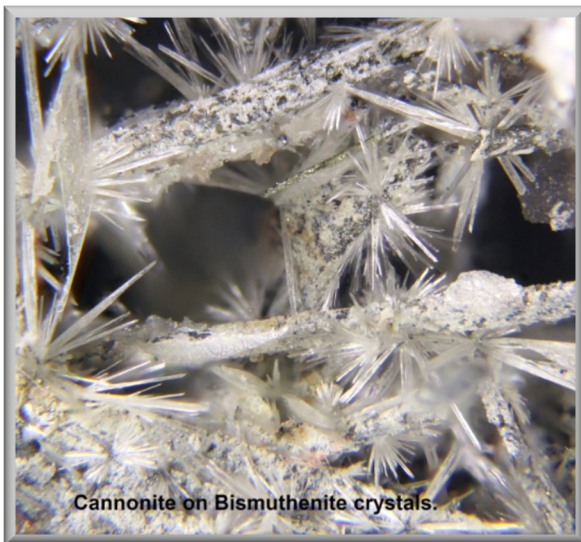
MAY 2020

MAY MEETING CANCELLED

To do our part, to minimize community spread of the COVID-19 Virus, the executive voted to cancel our May meeting, as the Manitoba Museum is closed until further notice.

We will plan to reschedule Ralph's presentation for 2021

Ralph Croning, has been exploring for and collecting meteorites for many years, he will be speaking about his experiences and sharing his perspective with our group.



Cannonite on Bismuthenite crystals.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

Marty Lewadny will be speaking about Micro Mineral Collecting. If you love to collect minerals and you don't have the space or budget, then Micro mineral collecting may be for you? Micro Minerals are generally cheaper and of a higher quality and your collection can fit under your bed.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

With the current situation the executive is hoping for the situation to improve, we support the recommendations of local government and businesses. Once we get an understanding of what the new normal will look like, The Mineral Society will not be able to hold our events in a safe manner. The MSM is committed to the health and safety of its members.

This is an uneasy and different situation, just know that we will do our best to provide events and meetings in the future. These plans are always subject to change due to the nature of the situation. We hope that all of our members support each other and the communities that they live in. The good news is the city is starting the first phase of opening up and we are optimistic that by the fall we will be able to hold meetings and go on field trips.

We want everyone to stay healthy, enjoy the summer safely and we will see you in the fall.

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The Mineral Vein is published monthly from September to June.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Manitoba Museum in room P47 on the Planetarium level. They begin at 6:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring along any new, interesting specimens, or specimens appropriate to the speaker's topic.

Field Trips take place from May to September to interesting sites in Manitoba or neighbouring provinces and states.

Membership: A single membership is \$15 while a family membership is \$20. Memberships run from October to October.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY MEETING– CANCELLED

***SPRING BBQ* DATE CHANGE TO SATURDAY**

AUGUST 29, 2020; At the home of Margaret and Allan Akins, this event will be re-assessed by early/mid August.

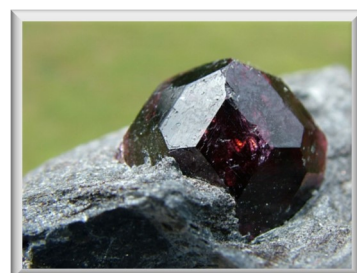
ALL UPCOMING EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, BASED ON CURRENT SITUATION

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING: will be held on September 2; Marty Lewadny will be speaking about Micro Minerals.

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING: will be held on October 7th; AGM meeting– vote for executive positions, financial information.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER -Central Pegmatite claim, south of Cat Lake; This field trip will be rescheduled in the Fall. The new date will be posted in the fall newsletter (Aug).

WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEETING AND FIELD TRIP UPDATES



Founded in 1971, the Mineral Society of Manitoba is dedicated to promoting the study of minerals, rocks and fossils for their scientific and recreational value.

The Mineral Society of Manitoba hosts monthly meetings covering a variety of mineral related topics. In addition, the Mineral Society organizes summer field trips to collecting localities, hosts educational exhibits about minerals and fossils and local trade events.

ANNUAL MSM BBQ—will be held at Allan and Margaret Akins house, out in the Birds Hill.

They have a Mineral museum in their house, that is full of eye popping specimens. Postponed till August 29th. Final confirmation will be made early August



FIELD TRIPS, POSTPONED, CHECK FOR UPDATES

SEPT/OCTOBER/20-CENTRAL PEGMATITE CLAIM, SOUTH OF CAT LAKE; Led by Bill Hood, Here we will explore the Central Pegmatite and look for possible Skarns in the area. Contact Jack Bauer to register; @ 204-632-6934 and to confirm your attendance and get more details.

Gillis Quarry, rubble pile, (August/September) looking for Ordovician fossils. Led by Ken Fumerton. One day event on weekdays only, as the rubble pile is not open during the weekend. Ken will check Gillis, to confirm that there will be collectable fossils, with circumstances permitting, before setting a date. Please contact Ken; @ 204-222-3416, to register and get more information.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER(?)/20; SOURIS; Meet at 9 AM, at the Petro Can on McGillivray (Hwy #3) and the Perimeter. Those who wish to car pool, can park here. Peter Harms will be leading this trip. To register please contact Peter; @ 204-338-0968, to confirm your participation.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Field trips have been postponed till the Fall. Please contact the field trip leader to confirm your participation and to get more detailed information.

METEORITE HUNT; Fall date(?) Exploring for meteorites, one day event somewhere in Manitoba. Fall date to be determined.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/20; LILY BAY, LAKE MANITOBA NARROWS; We will be looking for Devonian fish fossils and giant brachiopod steincerns. Led by Kathryn Lapenskie. To confirm your participation, please contact Jack Bauer @ 204- 632-6934.

SEPT./OCT./20; STEEP ROCK, MB. Looking for Calcite crystals; This will be combined with the Lily Bay trip.

Contact; Jack Bauer @ 204-632-6934, to confirm your participation.

Lily Bay and Steeprock are in the same area, I thought it may be a good idea to combine them.

Lily Bay and the Narrows on Saturday and Steeprock on Sunday. For those members that do not wish to continue to Steeprock can head home after the Narrows.

Gypsum Crystal recovery dig; Has been postponed till 2021, to coincide with Manitoba's 150th birthday celebrations.

Contact Jack Bauer; @ 204-632-6934, to confirm your participation.



Cuprosklodowskite (5mm)